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Letter dated 5 February 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached letter, dated 28 January 2016, from the Deputy Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Alexander Vershbow, transmitting the quarterly report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 October to 31 December 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I attach a report on the operations of the Kosovo Force covering the period from 1 October to 31 December 2015. I would appreciate you making this report available to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alexander **Vershbow**

Enclosure

Report to the United Nations on the operations of the Kosovo Force

1. The present report is provided in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and covers the period from 1 October to 31 December 2015.

2. As at 31 December 2015, the total number of Kosovo Force (KFOR) troops in theatre remained at approximately 4,600.

3. The main event during the reporting period was the full relaxation of the air safety zone above the Administrative Boundary Line.

Security situation and operations

4. During the reporting period, the security situation in theatre remained calm in the southern part of Kosovo and reasonably stable in the northern part. The ongoing implementation of the European Union-facilitated First Agreement of Principles Governing the Normalization of Relations reached by Belgrade and Pristina on 19 April 2013 continues to have a positive impact on the security situation, and freedom of movement remains unimpeded throughout Kosovo.

5. During the reporting period, KFOR has continued to work in close coordination with the Kosovo police and the European Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX). KFOR remained ready to provide immediate intervention if required. However, there was no requirement for its direct intervention as a third responder.

6. There were no militarily significant public order or other security incidents during the reporting period.

7. The mission of KFOR to contribute to a safe and secure environment and to freedom of movement has continued as part of a comprehensive international effort.

Summary

8. During the reporting period, KFOR has continued to contribute to maintaining a safe and secure environment and ensuring freedom of movement, in close coordination with EULEX and the Kosovo police. The close coordination on the ground between KFOR, in its capacity as a third responder, EULEX and the Kosovo police continues to be highly effective.